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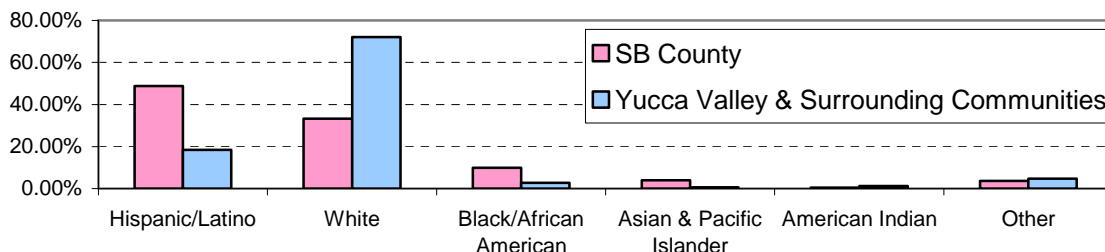
San Bernardino County Total Area\*: 20,105.3 square miles (The Largest County in California)  
(Land Area: 20,052.5 square miles, Water Area: 52.8 square miles)



San Bernardino County  
Brief Overview &  
Population Comparison  
with Yucca Valley and  
Surrounding Communities

	SB County		Yucca Valley Area	
Total Population	1,709,434		23,001	
Under 18 Years	552,047		5,877	
<i>Ethnicity</i>				
Hispanic/Latino	269,462	48.80%	1,088	18.51%
White	183,512	33.20%	4,238	72.11%
Black/African American	54,800	9.90%	164	2.79%
Asian & Pacific Islander	21,758	3.90%	36	0.61%
American Indians	2,750	0.50%	75	1.28%
Other	19,765	3.60%	276	4.70%

(% of Ethnicity Comparison)



## Referral Information for Yucca Valley Area (2006)

### Referral Rate and Foster Care Entry Rate

	Referral Rate	Foster Care Entry Rate
Yucca Valley & Surrounding Communities	134.76 per 1,000 Children	8.5 per 1,000 Children
San Bernardino County	68.9 per 1,000 Children	4.0 per 1,000 Children

- In 2006, 13% (134.7 :1,000) children less than 18 year old in Yucca Valley and surrounding communities had child abuse/neglect referrals, and 0.85% (8.5 :1,000) children were removed from their family in Yucca Valley area.
- Comparing with San Bernardino County as a whole, Yucca Valley surrounding communities has higher referral rate and foster care entry rates.

## Frequently Asked Questions about Children in Welfare System

### How many child abuse/neglect incidents were reported?

Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect (2006)	Number of Families (Total = 829)	Number of Children (Total = 976)
Of all referrals received, 62.97% resulted in a CPS investigation:	522	792
Of all referrals received, 8.81% were found to be true:	73	133
Of all referrals received, 3.86% resulted in an open case:	32	58
Of all referrals received, 3.14% resulted in a child removal:	26	50

### What types of allegations were investigated?

County of San Bernardino investigated 1,012 child abuse reports in 2006 for 792 children.

The following table represents types of allegations investigated. Neglect accounted for the highest proportion of allegations. \*One child can have more than one allegation.

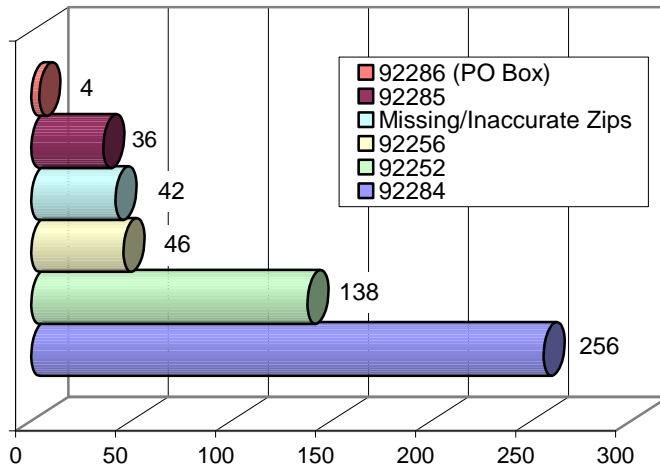
Types of Allegation	Children	%
General Neglect	438	43.3%
Physical Abuse	164	16.2%
At Risk, Sibling Abused	106	10.5%
Sexual Abuse	98	9.7%
Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	92	9.1%
Not Determined Jan07	38	3.8%
Severe Neglect	41	4.1%
Emotional Abuse	34	3.4%
Substantial Risk	1	0.1%
Total Allegations	1,012	



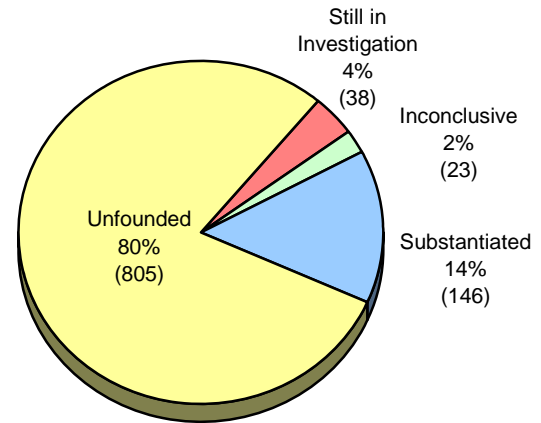
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**2** **Allegations investigated in your area in 2006?**  
522 families were involved in investigations.



**How the investigations were concluded?**  
1,012 allegations were investigated.

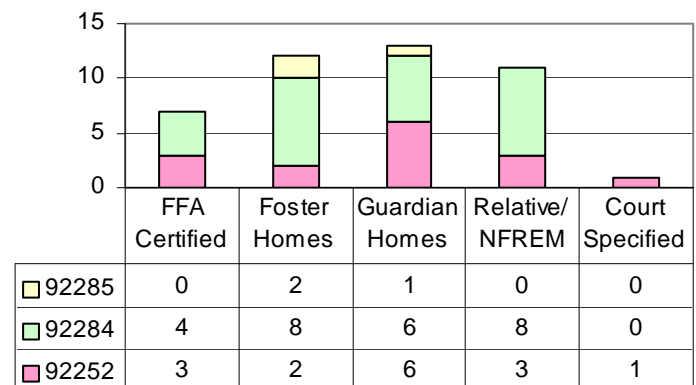


**4** **Where were children placed after they were removed in 2006?**

50 children were placed in the out-of-home care residences. The following table indicates; the types of placement homes where they spent the longest time since their removal in 2006.

Predominate Placement	Children
FFA Certified Home	24
Relative/NREFM Home	20
Group Home	5
Foster Family Home	1
Total	50

**How many placement resources were in Yucca Valley Area?**



**2 4** **Is there disproportionality in the referral rate and child removal rate in child welfare?**

Disproportionality in child welfare exists when any ethnic group has a higher rate or proportion of referrals, removals or in care numbers than the total population. Black/African American children have higher rates of investigated referrals and Hispanic/Latino children have removals compared to other ethnicities and the total population.

	2000 Census Population Under 18	# of Children with an Investigated Referral	Referral Rate per 1,000	# of Children Removed in 2006	Removal Rate per 1,000
White	4,238	561	132.37	29	6.84
Hispanic/Latino	1,088	113	103.86	17	15.63
Black/African American	164	64	390.24	2	12.20
Asian & Pacific Islander	36	5	138.89	2	12.20
American Indian	75	4	53.33	0	0.00
Other	276	0			
Unknown		63			
Total	5,877	792	134.76	50	8.51

**Foster Care Removal and Placement Outcomes for Children in Yucca Valley Area (2006)**

Of the 50 children removed from their families in 2006:

- 22 children have been reunified to date, 2 re-entered foster care and then reunified and 28 children are still in care.
- Of the 28 children who are currently in care:
  - 13 children were not placed with relatives.
    - 1 child was placed in a foster placement in the Yucca Valley Area, and 12 children were in foster placements in other communities.
  - 14 children were placed with relatives.
    - 0 children were placed with relatives in Yucca Valley Area and 14 with relatives in other communities.
- 1 child is on runaway status